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Miramar picks ex-CIA agent as its new chief of police

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A former CIA agent and chief of the Arlington, Va., County Police Department will replace Ed Werder as Miramar's police chief, Mayor Frank Branca announced Thursday.

Roy C. McLaren, 57, of Arlington, will take command April 15 if city commissioners approve his appointment at their meeting that night.

Werder has served as acting chief since he announced his resignation Jan. 18 to become Broward County Sheriff Nick Navarro's chief of staff.

"As we interviewed Chief McLaren today, I got the same feeling as when I interviewed Chief Werder for the job one year and nine months ago," Branca said Thursday. "I just knew he was right — like when you put on something comfortable that fits well."

McLaren was one of six finalists — two from within Miramar's department and four from other states — from a pool of 168 applicants.

He will earn \$42,500 a year and oversee 66 police officers and 14 other employees.

McLaren owns a one-man consulting firm, McLaren Associates Police Consulting and Research Service. His wife, Cuyler, 45, is secretary.

"I would now like to return to active police administration," McLaren said. "I don't view this position as an opportunity for retirement on the job."

McLaren, son of a Los Angeles police officer and graduate of the University of Southern California, began his career as an officer with the Berkeley, Calif., Police Department. He was an interrogation specialist and investigator with the CIA from 1954 to 1965.

As Arlington County chief from 1973-78, he managed a budget of \$10 million and a staff of 364. He also served as police chief of Novato, Calif.

McLaren is co-author, with O.W. Wilson, of the college-level textbook *Police Administration*.

"I know I am moving into a beautiful community from previous visits to the area," said McLaren, who has two sons. "I hope to continue where Chief Werder left off."



Roy C. McLaren: Former Arlington, Va. County chief.